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53rd DOCHERTY CUP FINAL AT OLYMPIC PARK

GEORGE CROSS, HAKOAH VIE FOR FAMED TROPHY

Probable Olympic Park line-ups:

HAKOAH

1 Goal
D. MANNERING

2 Right back
D. WOODWARD

3 Left back
J. ALEXANDER

4 Right half
K. WAUGH

5 Centre half
R. ADAMS

6 Left half
S. HUCKER

8 Inside right
D. CARMICHAEL

10 Inside left
E. HAYNES

7 Outside right
S. THOMAS

9 Centre forward
A. VILLERS

11 Outside left
C. McQUILLAN

W. COPELAND
11 Outside left

A. GIBB
9 Centre forward

A. CAMPBELL
7 Outside right

D. HOGDSON
10 Inside left

J. ABELA
8 Inside right

W. BINNIE
6 Left half

T. SACCO
5 Centre half

J. McKENNA
4 Right half

V. MUSCAT
3 Left back

F. FALZON
2 Right back

J. AZZOPARDI
1 Goal

GEORGE CROSS

George Cross and Hakoah will meet on Sunday at Olympic Park, Melbourne, in the 53rd final of the Docherty Cup.

The Docherty Cup, donated in 1909 by the Victorian Federation President Harry J. Docherty, is the oldest soccer trophy still competed for in Australia.

Both teams have already inscribed their names on the valuable, historic trophy.

Hakoah were triple winners in 1953, 1954 and 1955, and George Cross took the honors in 1959.

For both clubs participation in Sunday's final is a consolation for having missed out on Australian soccer's biggest and richest prize: the Australia Cup, open to Victoria's top four State League teams for 1962.

George Cross and Hakoah were well in the running for the top four places throughout the season, but costly slumps towards the end of the competition edged them out.

Since then, however, both teams have shaped up impressively to win their qualifying groups before convincingly beating their semi-final opponents.

The clash between these two traditional rivals always produces action-packed excitement and a big Olympic Park crowd should again witness a classic battle for Victoria's most treasured Cup.

Now turn to page 3 for Final Preview and details.

by Tad Torg — from the sidelines

WORLD JUST LOVES A MARTYR...

I never thought I'd live to see the day when nobody (or almost nobody) would want to get back to FIFA any more (see "Pick of the Press" — P. 7).

Only a few months ago the whole "machine" seemed geared for the "get-back-to-FIFA-movement" and whole works of art, short of an opera, were composed for the occasion.

As recently as few weeks ago everything seemed sweet and the "get-back" idea reasonable and tempting.

Then — something happened. A CRASH (of (thought?), reminiscent of the Wall Street Stock Exchange's, 1929 vintage.

All of a sudden public, and not so public, opinion has changed and, panic stricken, reversed itself.

The soccer fan, the official and the sportswriter suddenly realised that to "get back" could be synonymously with a slow but thorough strangulation of Australian soccer at a time when it needs regular transfusions daily, that foreign tours could cause financial losses to our struggling clubs, that we cannot participate in competitive international tournaments due to our standards, anyhow.

The proverbial straw was the crucifixion of one young, healthy, prospective British migrant, by the name of Billie Stevenson.

It seems it takes a martyr to make people stop and think.

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WE TOLD YOU SO...

Soccer World writers have been drawing the public's attention to the above mentioned facts right through the years.

We told you so in ... 1959. And in 1960. And 1961. And again 1962.

Our thoughts on the matter have not necessarily been those of the Management (of this paper or the Federation) collectively, although they might have been those of individual members.

And, although we have our reservations as to thhe value of our contributions to the "Thought Exchange Crash 1962", the fact remains — the advocates of the "let's-get-down-on-our-knees" idea ain't there no more.

Mind you — to get the record straight — we have nothing against getting back to FIFA.

We are for it. But — on conditions suitable to the development of Australian football. Not at just ANY price.

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WE'RE HAPPY, BUT SAD...

We will get back to FIFA sooner or later — make no mistake about that.

I think better later than sooner.

Because another few years would give us a fair chance not only to bring up juniors to maturity and class but also to build greater soccer grounds to accomodate the growing crowds.

On juniors we have started already; stadiums are, unfortunately, badly overdue.

In fact, in Sydney we haven't got a ground big enough to stage our next grand final.

A pradox, really; we should be happy, but we're sad...

NATIONAL SCENE

IN SYDNEY

The Craven A got under way quietly with competing teams and spectators still reeling under the impact of the premiership finals.

The remaining first round matches will take place tonight and on Sunday afternoon.

After the preliminary round, "big time" atmosphere should return to the Sydney soccer scene, — details page 8.

MELBOURNE

Hakoah and George Cross qualified for the Docherty final, where none of Victoria's Australia Cup entrants made the semi-finals.

Interesting footnote to Sunday's final is that for the first time in 12 years all 22 players in the Docherty Cup will be British subjects (Australians, Scottish, English and Maltese) — details page 3.

ADELAIDE

Enfield and Austria confirmed they were South Australia's top second division clubs and worthy of promotion by widening the gap between them and their rivals in Adelaide's only matches last Saturday — details page 6.

BRISBANE

Easts, Hellenic (Section "A"), Latrobe and Azzurri (Section "B") have qualified for the Craven A Cup semi-finals to be played this weekend — details page 7.

NEWCASTLE

Premiers Adamstown were surprisingly thrashed 5:0 by Cessnock and, thus, failed to qualify for Craven A semis.

In the other quarter-final Awaba struggled to beat relegated Mayfield 3:2, — details page 2.

PERTH

Tricolore retained the d'Orsogna Cup, W.A. Federation's K.O. Trophy, when they overwhelmed Fremantle City 9:0 recently.

Other honors' winners in 1962: Premiers — Azzurri; Second Division — Swan Valley; Top Four Cup: Windmills — details page 6.

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J. WELLHAM	3	W. FIELD
L. WALSH	4	B. WINTERBINE
K. O'NEIL	5	R. FIELD
R. REYNOLDS	6	L. SHARPE
T. HINCHCLIFFE	7	H. GOODSIR
B. JONAS	8	K. McGUINNESS
J. SHEEN	9	R. BURGOYNE
D. FIELD	10	N. JACKSON
J. TURNBULL	11	R. HITCHCOCK

REFEREE: A. ROBERTS — LINESMEN: R. Noble, W. Turner

CESSNOCK v. WALLSEND

J. ROBERTS	1	F. LLOYD
J. JARVIE	2	D. MORROW
K. RAWBOTTOM	3	K. NOLAN
B. WILLIAMS	4	J. O'BRIEN
M. WILLOUGHBY	5	R. BULLEN
T. SNEDDON	6	G. GREEN
B. SCHRODER	7	K. WHITMORE
J. LENNARD	8	A. SKELLY
J. BARR	9	W. COLLINS
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NORTHERN LEAGUE

Cessnock oust premiers with shock Cup victory

By "T I K I"

The upset of the season occured last Sunday when the youthful Cessnock team, imbued with a do-or-die spirit, outclassed the 1962 premiers Adamstown to win 5:0.

One cannot say that Cessnock's win was lucky, as they played good football and were much faster to the ball and opened up quicker than their opponents.

Admittedly Adamstown team had been without competitive matches for three weeks, but so was Cessnock prior to the first round of the Craven A.

In the second match last Sunday, Awaba, playing with 10 men from half way through the first half, went to a 3:0 lead shortly after halftime and looked set for an easy victory against Mayfield.

But the latter threw caution to the wind in the final 15-20 minutes and were rewarded with two goals — but just could not get the third goal before the final whistle.

We now move to the semi-finals of the Craven A 500 and at 1.15 p.m. on Sunday the 1962 final will be repeated when Lake Macquarie plays Awaba.

But the winning margin I am sure will not be as great as it was in the final.

It is not expected that Awaba will make the mistake again of endeavoring to play pattern football after being accustomed to playing the long passing game for so long.

Previous to the final these two teams had each scored a win, taking their respective home games.

It is certain that Awaba will make every endeavor to prove that their form in the final was all wrong.

Any difference in the respective merits of the two teams is probably in the inside forwards and it is here that Lake Macquarie has a slight advantage.

Rather ironically one of these, D. Field, transferred from Awaba at the beginning of this season.

I am selecting Lake Macquarie as the winner, but it will not be an easy match for either team.

The second match will be between Cessnock and Wallsend and this should produce one of the closest matches of the 1962 Craven A series.

At Wallsend in the first round premiership fixture Cessnock defeated the home team 3:1, and in the return match at Cessnock Wallsend were successful 4:2.

This means in the two matches each team has scored five goals, with the result that there is practically nothing between them.

However, player-for-player Cessnock would appear to have slightly younger players and it is largely their energy and vigor that enables the older players, Lennard and Barr, to capitalise upon the openings made.

There will be no doubt about Cessnock lasting a hard, fast 90 minutes of football.

Wallsend is a more polished team, but one or two of their forwards waste too many opportunities trying to drive the ball through the net, consequently the ball flies wide of the goals.

The inside left (R. Giles) and centre-forward (W. Collins) both have speed and good ball control and should provide an interesting and strenuous afternoon for the Cessnock defence.

Ken Whitmore (right winger) could also be a thorn in their side, particularly if he keeps on his toes.

Whether Cliff Almond will be available as stopper for Cessnock for this match is problematical, but Mat Willoughby turned in a very creditable performance last week and should have no difficulty in holding the Wallsend forwards.

Another player to do well last Sunday was left back K. Rawbottom and the duel between he and K. Whitmore and A. Skelly should really be interesting.

In selecting the possible winner I am going to disregard form and go for Cessnock as they have youth with plenty of vigor, but nobody can foretell the actual respite.

RESULTS

Adamstown 0 v. Cessnock 5 (J. Lennard (2) A. Johns, B. Schroeder, J. Easton own goal).

Awaba 3 (K. McGuinness, R. Burgoyne /2/) v. Mayfield 2 (J. Bessett, W. Humphris).

NEXT WEEKEND

Loser Lake Macquarie v. Awaba v. loser Wallsend v. Cessnock — 1.15 p.m.

Winner Lake Macquarie v. Awaba v. winner Wallsend v. Cessnock — 3 p.m.

HAVE YOU HEARD...

● There is a strong possibility that APIA might seek Drummoyne Oval for its home matches next season.

Drummoyne Oval could hold a crowd of 20,000 and would be far more spacious than Lambert Park.

APIA have definitely outgrown Lambert Park and are desperately in need of a ground which can hold its thousands of fans in comfort.

Only snag with Drummoyne is that another soccer club, Polonia-N.S., now shares the ground with Rugby Union and Federation policy expressly states that soccer clubs should not bid for each others' grounds.

The position, however, could be different in this case as Polonia-N.S. have been demoted to Second Division.

Apart from its spectator capacity, Drummoyne Oval is very close to the Italian-populated areas of Sydney and just as handy as Lambert Park to APIA supporters.

Both APIA and Pan Hellenic will apply for some dates at the Sports Ground in 1963, particularly when they meet in the competition.

● APIA's annual ball will be held at the University of NSW Union Hall in Barker Street, Kensington, on Saturday, November 17.

Tickets at two guineas each are available from APIA Secretary Bob Walker, 197 Buffalo Road, Ryde (Tel. 80-2970), or at the APIA club, Frazer St., Leichhardt.

The ball promises to be one of the soccer social highlights of the year and will be under the patronage of the Italian Ambassador.

● NSW players associated with the 1962 representative team that won the Australian interstate championship will be given a dinner at which a presentation of medals commemorating their victory will be made by Dr. Seamonds.

LOU GAUTIER

CROATIA'S SUCCESS STORY

THE BLUES BUILD TO STAY ON TOP

By EINAR PERSEN

The remarkable progress of Croatia Soccer Club is an example of what a committee of shrewd businessmen, backed up by loyal supporters, can do for a club.

One of the basic reasons for founding Croatia was to assimilate Croatian migrants into the Australian way of life and sport.

That was in 1958.

Croatia made their debut in Sydney soccer as many of present first division clubs did — in the Metropolitan league.

Croatia won the Metropolitan Championship and K.O. Cup undefeated.

In 1959, they became a member of the Federation third division and finished sixth.

The following year they won promotion to second division.

Big time

After only two years there Croatia are in the big time.

And that is where they are determined to stay.

All this has been done within four years — thanks to the energy and loyalty of the officials, and the generosity of supporters.

The club's first president was Mr. Steve Careta.

He was succeeded by Mr. Nick Yakic, who was in the post for three years and is now the club's treasurer.

For a short time Dr. Kraljevic preceded todays president, Mr. Robert Newman.

The secretary is the young, hard working Josef Vasilj.

On the playing side Croatia at first concentrated on Croatian migrants.

But it is a different story now.

Promotion

The team that won promotion honors consists of seven nationalities.

Only two of the players, Bicanic and Goreta, were with the team from the begining and are still active, playing with the reserves.

Bicanic was made captain of the grand final firsts as a token for appreciation for long and faithful services.

The club hopes to double the present following of about 1000 now that they are in first division.

There are approximately 10,000 Croatians living in the Sydney Metropolitan area.

Although Croatia won the second division they realise that the present team will not survive in first class company.

Plans are in full swing to have a crack side by the beginning of next season.

Negotiations are under way to secure players from England, Europe, South America and Australia.

But give credit were credit is due — the players that won promotion were mostly rejects from first division clubs.

They are Littlemore, Scotti, Bonazza, Foitlin, Kovacs, Pascales, Wesely, Hejtmanek, Hoare, Fabijanick, Tomasov, Tomicic, Trosilj, Magony, Nadg, Goreta, Bicanic and others.

They did a mighty job under the guidance of APIA's coach, Leopold Baumgartner.

Croatia is grateful to APIA for allowing "The Professor" to help the club.

He had the respect of both, players and officials. Croatia will journey to Melbourne to play some friendly games against Croat and other teams at the end of the season.

This is an appreciation to the players for job well done.

Juniors

Croatia have in hand plans for securing a first class ground in the Eastern Suburbs, and of fostering junior and shool soccer in that district.

Invitations have been sent to several High Schools seeking co-operation.

Already Cleveland Street High School has agreed to become a nursery for the club.

Australian sportmanship has impressed Croatia's officials tremendously.

Example

They have had taste of it with the two Australian members of this years team, goalkeeper Colin Littlemore and inside forward Peter Pascales.

They have been an example for all on and off the field.

And that is why Croatia in the not so distant future hope to have an All-Australian team.

This then is the Croatia story, but only the beginning of it.

The shouting of "Plavi, Plavi", meaning Blue, will be heard for year's to come to rally Croatia to greater efforts.

CRAVEN A CUP SYDNEY SERIES

Fans on Friday night and Sunday afternoon had little to enthuse about as the 1962 Craven A Cup kicked off at the Marks Field and Wentworth Park.

The standard of football was poor throughout all four matches, but the Corinthians — South Coast game did have the merit of being exciting — which could hardly be said about the other fixtures, where dullness reigned supreme.

After the record breaking and excitement of the premiership finals, last weekend's Cup matches were a dismal anti-climax.

On Friday night, Corinthians gallantly fought back from 0:2 down to force a 3:3 draw with a South Coast United team short of match-play after a four-week lay-off, and Prague and Auburn tied 1:1 in a match completely devoid of thrills, skill and interest.

It was the first time since the inception of the post-competition cup series that two draws occured on the same night.

Corinthians were a shade unlucky not to force a win and SCU can thank Kelly and Woods for the replay as they saved the team many times.

Great spirit

The second division grand final winners played with magnificent spirit and at times outplayed their top-division opponents scoring two splendid goals which were the highlight of the whole opening round.

Of the three second division teams seen last week Corinthans were, by far, the best as Croatia and Balgownie did not appear to be in the same class.

Prague and Auburn turned on shocking displays which did nothing to warm up the small crowd which braved the cold.

Both teams played without purpose and were content with the draw, which was a good result — the only good thing about a match better soon forgotten.

Only a name

Prague, on Friday's display, showed they are nothing but a "name" nowadays, while Auburn was only the shadow of the team which played with such determination to avoid relegation in the last quarter of the competition.

Sunday's double-header attracted a fair crowd, under perfect conditions, to Wentworth Park, both matches turned out even duller, and worse technically, than Friday night's.

Bankstown did not deserve its narrow win over Balgownie, even if the latter did not produce anything like Corinthians' display.

Balgownie pressed for long periods, but its forwards missed chance after chance, while Bosklopper made the most of the very few Bankstown opportunities to give his team a 1:0 win.

APIA qualified to meet Bankstown in the quarter-finals when it downed Croatia 3:0 in what was, probably, the poorest of all the weekend's games.

Croatia failed miserably and never looked like scoring a goal against a completely out-of-touch APIA, which only won so handsomely because of the weakness of its opponents.

Newcomer Giacommetti made quite a good impression and will become a popular figure with soccer fans with many of his Baumgartner-like traits.

Neither winners, Bankstown and APIA, nor any of the other four teams, which played draws, looked likely Craven A Cup winners and their careers may be short in the series.

SCOREBOARD

How they lined up and played on Friday night:

S.C.U.: W. Billington 3 **P. Woods 5** R. McNeil 3 **J. Kelly 5** K. Wenig 3 J. Harris 4 G. Fraser 3 J. Brownlee 4 T. McWatters 2 G. Barnett 3 **B. Harris 5.**

Coach: J. Kelly.

TOTAL: 40

CORINTHIANS: R. Sutton 3 E. Nimmo 3 K. Marbrow 3 B. Williams 4 L. Fazackerly 4 **I. Hillsdon 5 A. Miller 5** D. Todd 3 J. Bridges 3 **J. Hall 5** N. Wilding 4.

Coach: F. Broome.

TOTAL: 42

Goalscorers: G. Barnett 28 min., J. Kelly 35 min., B. Harris 74 min. for SCU; A. Miller 41 and 68 min., J. Hall 67 min. for Corinthians.

Referee: D. Buchan.

PRAGUE: R. Lord 3 K. Hiron 4 J. Bond 3 I. Kristensen 3 J. Pettigrew 4 S. Sherwin 4 A. Blitz 3 G. Jones 3 P. Hrncir 4 W. Tamandl 4 A. Jeffrey 3.

Coach: B. Ball.

TOTAL: 38

AUBURN: J. Comonsoli 3 J. Pretswell 4 J. Dolan 3 S. Cousins 4 F. Van Gaalen 4 N. Townsend 3 P. Vermeulen 3 R. Hall 4 N. Tran 3 L. Quested 4 B. Staples 3.

Coach: W. Murphy.

TOTAL: 38

Goalscorers: L. Quested 58 min for Auburn and W. Tamandl 60 min. for Prague.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

Crowd: 1,034.

AND ON SUNDAY:

BANKSTOWN: G. De Vries 4; A. Westwater 3, T. West 3; A. Jennings 2, R. Madden 3, K. Woods 2; N. Stiffle 3, L. Bosklopper 4, T. Yates 2, S. Jessup 3, A. Smit 3.

Coach: F. Broome

TOTAL: 32

BALGOWNIE: J. Etherington 3; A. Robinson 3, T. Beencke 3; P. Peters 4, W. McKinnon 4, T. Evans 3; D. Davidson 3, W. Ryan 3, H. Van der Kooi 2, R. Harris 2, R. Bell 2.

Coach: P. Peters

TOTAL: 32

Goalscorer: L. Bosklop-

★ **Continued on column 3**

Melbourne Round-up

Old rivals fight it out for prized Docherty Cup

Two great rivals in George Cross and Hakoah will fight it out for possession of the coveted Docherty Cup at Olympic Park on Sunday.

The curtain-raiser should also be an attractive fixture, with Coburg playing Sunshine City in the final of the Federation Cup.

On Saturday, Polonia oppose Slavia, both losers in last week's Docherty Cup semi-finals.

They will be playing for the third place and also should provide quite a good game.

GEORGE X v. HAKOAH

This promises to be a great game.

Both teams have excellent team spirit and the distinct asset of refusing to panic under pressure.

George Cross showed plenty of tenacity, pace and superb understanding against a very strong Polonia side last weekend.

In fact, George Cross have proved the form team of the competition, despite their loss to Hellas the week before last.

Veteran stopper Vince Muskat can keep a close tab on the most dangerous of centre forwards and has a wonderful understanding with the State League's smallest full backs, Sacco and Falzon, who are, incidentally, also amongst the most effective.

George Cross also have the best right winger in the League in Archie Campbell, who is likely to be troublesome to the solid, but slower, Hakoah defence.

Hakoah can chose their half back line from four class players in Waugh, Adams, Hucker and Rodgers and this will have an important bearing on the game.

The rear trio of Mannering, Alexander and Woodward have been consistently reliable throughout the season and will make it hard for the fast and fit George Cross forward line.

Hakoah's forward line, very much under-rated by Victorian critics had a field day against Slavia, but will find the Maltese defence a different proposition.

Although it seems that Hakoah have more physical power, the smaller George Cross team is capable of countering this with their faster pace and better system and should take the Cup by a narrow margin.

SLAVIA v. POLONIA

The game between last weeks semi-final losers at Olympic Park this Saturday could well be a very attractive fixture.

Slavia cannot play as badly again as they did gainst Hakoah, and Polonia, who died gamely last week, are always an attractive side to watch.

The Poles, with Zientara, Jurecki, Sklarek, Gasior, Gross, Dudon and Szygalski, appear to have too many big guns for Slavia and John Doherty and should emerge winners.

This how George Cross and Hakoah played last weekend to qualify:

GEORGE CROSS 2
POLONIA 0

Goalscorers: Hodgeon, Abella (George Cross).

George Cross were in great form and deserved their win over Polonia, who were far from disgraced as both teams played some fast and solid football for the full 90 minutes.

Even in the first half when the score was 0:0, the Maltese showed more all-round strength, but were kept out by the brilliant Polonia defenders Gronowski, Sklarek, Gasior and Dudon.

George Cross had lively wingers in Campbell and Copeland, who were a constant threat to the Polish defence.

Hodgeon opened the score after interval with a terrific shot, following a well-taken corner by Campbell.

Polonia star Zientara missed a chance to equalise when he shot wide with Maltese keeper Eddie Azzopardi out of position.

Abella made it 2:0 in favor of George Cross when he took advantage of a good pass from skipper Don Hodgeon, after 74 minutes.

Polonia centre forward Jurecki and George Cross stopper Muskat had some grand duels which kept the crowd of about 5,000 on their toes throughout the game.

At the sound of the final whistle George Cross supporters gave their team a tremendous ovation as they left the field.

HAKOAH 6
SLAVIA 1

Goalscorers: Carmichael 2, Haynes 2, Villiers 2 (Hakoah); Adams own goal (Slavia).

Hakoah easily defeated a disappointing Slavia in the second semi-final at Olympic Park last Sunday.

Supplying their forwards with accurate through-passes, the Hakoah wing halves were in full control of the mid-field while the Blues attack at long last struck top form.

Slavia's fate was sealed early when Carmichael in the fifth and Haynes in the eigth minute gave Hakoah a comfortable lead.

Shortly before interval the alert Villiers made it 3:0 for Hakoah.

A misunderstanding between the Hakoah defenders gave Slavia a goal, centre half Bobby Adams putting the ball in his own net past keeper Mannering. Hakoah again put on the pressure and three more goals by Villiers, Haynes and Carmichael in that order gave the Blues an easy passage into the Docherty Cup final.

★ **Continued from col. 2**

per 63 min. for Bankstown.

Referee: L. Wilson

APIA: N. Hobson 4; C. Van Blerk 3, N. Cossettini 3; P. Hughes 3, J. Marston 4, F. Bottalicco 3; R. Hunter 2, G. Giacommetti 4, L. Baumgartner 3, P. Turella 3, F. Rosenfluh 2.

Coach: L. Baumgartner

TOTAL: 34

CROATIA: C. Littlemore 3; L. Troselj 3, P. Scotti 3; E. Vojtlin 3, N. Bonazza 3, G. Kovacs 2; W. Wesely 2, F. Hejtmanek 2, M. Schwarz 2, L. Fabijanic 2 (inj.), P. Pascales 3.

Coach: L. Baumgartner

TOTAL: 28

Goalscorers: P. Turella 47 min., F. Rosenfluh 83 min., L. Baumgartner 83 min. for APIA.

Referee: R. Pearce.

Crowd: 4,800

OVERHEARD IN MELBOURNE . . .

● The Federation Cup has given clubs of the lower division an interesting competition which will reach a climax with the final between Sunshine City and Coburg.

Last Saturday, Sunshine City defeated Moonee Ponds 3:1 and on Sunday Coburg won narrowly 1:0 against Ballarat.

Both matches were played as curtain raisers to the Docherty Cup semi-finals.

● Neat and solid in thought and execution, George Cross wing half, Binnie, who has recently been promoted to the first team, has added more stability to the already extremely strong Maltese defence.

● Another wing half, also a recent addition, but to the Hakoah half-back line, is Ken Waugh, who has already shown in his few games since his arrival in Australia that he is a player of class and a tremendous acquisition to Victorian soccer.

● Plucky and colorful Polonia centre forward Mike Jurecki appears to have made a wonderful recovery from his prolonged injury, and next season should see him at his brilliant best again.

● Slavia have been reinforced by the signing of Nigel Sheperd who has played his football with Scottish first division club Airdrieonians, and when he settles down should lift the play of his side.

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EDITORIAL

Whom are they kidding?

Recently some Sydney sports writers staged a vehement attack against the Australian Federation, accusing it of cowardice, shortsightedness and ignorance.

The occasion was prompted by the Federation's decision to sit down and discuss with the Association leaders cause of Australia's suspension from FIFA, that is the sum of £58,000 demanded by European countries.

Whether the Federation's decision was right or wrong, will be seen only later.

However, these sports writers saw this as an opportunity to deliver another kick at soccer and the Federation.

Their attitude reflects an undisguised yearning for sensationalism, for slinging mud — even on a dry day.

They seem to show a terrific concern for the welfare of soccer and Federation — yet are always in the mood to condemn, rather than be constructive.

Weeks may go by without a hitch in Sydney soccer and some of these writers are silent.

Then something goes wrong, a dog runs on to the field, an error is printed in the programme or a club official says something ambiguous — and presto, — there is a sensational story in the papers.

Obviously, it is their right to print what they like, to blast or to praise without fear or prejudice.

This is the prerogative of the Press and even we, official organ of the Federation, have always retained that right.

But then fair journalism demands that you present both sides of the story — and this is where some sports writers fail in their duty.

That is why neither their outbursts nor their occasional backslaps are taken seriously — even by themselves.

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AROUND THE GLOBE

With Paul DEAN

European Cup surprises in return matches

What only very few pessimists — or realists — had expected, finally did happen: the once fabulous Real Madrid got knocked out in the first round of the European Cup. (See results.)

The team that did this is **Belgium's Anderlecht** which, after drawing 3:3 in Madrid, won 1:0 at home and put the "Madridistas" out of the running.

Real's recent form has been weak and in Europe the result was anything but a shock.

Just before the match Real played Manchester United in Madrid and lost 2:0.

Another shock was handed out in Rotterdam where the local Feyenoord supporters expected their team to beat the Swiss Servette into pulp.

The first match, in Geneva, was won by the Dutch 3:1 and most Dutchmen expected the return match to be a mere formality.

However, the Swiss fought splendidly and pulled off a tremendous surprise for the 37,000 spectators by beating Feyenoord 3:1, thus necessitating a third match, to be played at Dusseldorf on October 3.

Star of Servette was the colored forward Mekloufi from Northern Africa: he scored all the three goals before Feyenoord could reduce the margin with a penalty.

Polonia Bytom, having won 2:1 at home against the Greek Panathinaikos, went to Athens with some trepidations — yet won 4:1 again and thus made Round II.

The Poles displayed superior team-work and technical skill while the Greeks lacked their usual dash and fire.

Hero of the Bytom team was veteran Kempny, Poland's top scorer in 1956 who, with his two goals in three minutes, swung the match in Bytom's favor.

CDNA Sofia played all over the Yugoslav champion Partizan in their match, yet could squeeze out only a meagre 2:1 victory in the first leg.

The Bulgarians muffed many chances against the disappointing young Yugoslav team and, finally, when leading 2:0, goalkeeper Najdenov committed a foul causing a penalty which was converted by the happy Yugoslavs.

Vasas of Budapest had no trouble in beating the Norwegian Fredrikstad 7:0 in front of a mere 8,000 people.

Having won also the first leg in Norway 4:1; Vasas was able to play relaxed, good football.

Farkas scored three, Pal I. and PalII. (no relations) two goals each in a one sided match.

AC Milan, having won the first match 8:0 at home against hopless Union Luxemburg, left stars Rivera, Sani, and Germano at home for the return encounter — yet scored an easy 6:0 win again.

Milan's centre forward, Altafini scored three of the six goals, making his total eight so far in the European Cup.

Now that Madrid is out, AC Milan is the hottest favorite to win the Cup, which would be the first Italian victory in the tournament.

Ipswich Town went to a record 10:0 win in the return match against Floriana La Valetta after a 4:1 first-leg win in Malta.

The English team staged some fireworks in front of the Maltese goal, no doubt in order to give the forwards a chance to shoot themselves to top form for the league matches.

Eire's Shelbourne went down 0:2 to Sporting Lisbon and the 20,000 Dubliners have again resigned themselves to the fact that just as in past years, Eire's champion club will not get past the first hurdle in the Cup.

A SLIGHT SLIP OF THE FACTS

A German sporting newspaper last week published this item:

"Budapest-Melbourne, a team of Hungarian migrants, won the Australian soccer championship for the first time from Hakoah, APIA and Yugal."

This reminds us of the far-from-new joke.

Two Russians speaking in Red Square.

"Did you hear about the luck of Vladimir Petrov Petrovski", says the first one, "he won 100,000 roubles in the State lottery."

"Well, as a matter of fact I did", replies the second. "But it was Pyotr Nikolai Novikov, not 100,000 roubles but only 10,000, not in the lottery but at the horse races and he did not win it but lost it ."

BRAZIL

THE long-awaited final, first leg, for the unofficial Club World Championship between FC Santos (Brazil) and Benfica (Portugal) took place in Rio's Maracana Stadium.

A surprisingly small crowd of 90,000 watched the night game, paying a mere £18,000 in gate money. The cheapest ticket was about one shilling, yet the huge 200,000 capacity stadium failed to fill up partly because of the political unrest in Brazil.

The age-old feud between "Cariocas" (peopple of Rio) and "Paulistas" (Sao Paulo) was again revealed during the match; the crowd simply sat and watched how the "Paulista" team struggled towards a narrow victory.

FC Santos played well below its best and so did its shining star, Pele. Admittedly, the Portuguese played a very tight, defensive game and no less than three players were given the task of guarding him.

For long stretches the pattern of the match was unchanged: Santos attacked, Benfica defended. The Portuguese even resorted to some very tough tacklings and when Pepe was brought down twice the crowd roared its disapproval.

Santos scored the first goal through Pele in the 32nd minute and led 1:0 at half time.

In the 59th minute Santana equalised but six minutes later a solo dash by Coutinho again put Santos ahead.

Only two minutes later Coutinho left the defence behind him, dribbled past the goalkeeper and politely passed the ball to Pele, who flicked it in.

This third goal brought the Portuguese out of their tight defence and the match livened up. Benfica finally succeeded in reducing the margin of defeat when, two minutes from full-time, Santana scored again.

This is how the two teams, possibly the finest in the world, lined up:

SANTOS: Gilmar; Lima, Mauro, Djalma; Calvet, Zito; Dorval, Mengalvio, Coutinho, Pele, Pepe.

BENFICA: Rita; Angelo, Humberto, Cruz; Raul, Cavem; Augusto, Santana, Eusebio, Coluna, Simoes.

The referee was Cabrera of Paraguay.

EUROPEAN LEAGUE RESULTS

Internationals: Yugoslavia v. Ethiopia 5:2 (Belgrade); Yugoslavia v. W. Germany 2:3 (Zagreb). Scorers: Galic 2 (Yugo.), Strehl 3 (Ger.).

World Cup Championship final, first leg: FC Santos (Brazil) v. Benfica Lisbon (Portugal) 3:2 (Rio).

European Cup, I. round: (in brackets results of first legs, if any): Ipswich Town v. Floriana La Valetta 10:0 (4:1); SK Esjberg v. SC Linfield 0:0 (2:1); Union Luxemburg v. AC Milan 0:6 (0:8); Feyenoord Rotterdam v. Servette Geneva 1:3 (3:1, third match necessary); Shelbourne Dublin v. Sporting Lisbon 0:2; Panathinaikos v. Polonia Bytom 1:4 (1:2); Vasas v. Fredrikstad 7:0 (4:1); CDNA Sofia v. Partizan Belgrade 2:1; Anderlecht Antwerpen v. Real Madrid 1:0 (3:3); Galatasaray Istanbul v. Dinamo Bucharest 3:0 (1:1).

European Cup-Winners' Cup, I. round: (in brackets results of first leg matches if any): BK Odense v. Alliance Dudelingen 8:1 (1:1); Lausanne v. Sparta Rotterdam 3:0; Chemie Halle v. OFK Belgrade 3:3 (0:2); FC Botev (Bulgaria) v. Steaua Bucharest 5:1 (1:3); St. Etienne v. Setubal (Portugal) 1:1.

AUSTRIA (IV. round): Rapid v. Admira 2:1; LASK v. Grazer AK 1:0; Vienna WAC 1:2; Salzburg v. Wiener SK 2:1; Wacker v. SVS Linz 4:2; FK Austria v. Schwechat 6:4; Klagenfurt v. Simmering 2:1. — Comp. leaders: FK Austria, WAC, LASK 6:6, Wiener SK, Wacker 5:5 pts. each.

FRANCE (VIII. round): Sedan v. Lens 2:1; Valenciennes v. Stade 0:0; Strassburg v. Grenoble 4:0; Angers v. Bordeaux 0:3; Racing v. Rennes 2:1; Lyon v. Monaco 1:1; Nice v. Montpellier 3:1, Nimes v. Reims 0:0; Toulouse v. Marseille postp.; Nancy v. Rouen 1:3. — Comp. leaders: Bordeaux, Nice 12-12, Rennes 11, Reims 10 pts. each.

HUNGARY (VII. round): Ujpest v. Szeged 4:0; Vasas v. Komlo 2:0; Gyor v. Ferencvaros 2:2, Debrecen v. Dorog 2:1; Salgotarján v. Honved 1:3; Pecs v. MTK 0:0; Tatabanya v. Szombathely 3:0. — Comp. leaders: Honved 10, Ujpest Szeged 9-9, Dorog, Vasas, MTK and Gyor 8-8 pts. each.

ITALY (II. round): Inter v. Lanerossi 1:0; Juventus v. Atalanta 2:3; Mantova v. AS Roma 1:0; Modena v. Genoa 1:1; Napoli v. AC Milan 1:5; Palermo v. FC Torino 0:1; Sampdoria v. Fiorentina 1:0; Spal v. Catania 2:2; Venezia v. Bologna 0:3. - Comp. leaders: Bologna 4, Inter, Mantova, Sampdoria, FC Torino, AC Milan, Spal, Modena and Atalanta 3:3 pts. each.

HOLLAND (V. round): Volewijckers v. Feyenoord 1:4; Blauw Wit v. Utrecht 1:1; Enschede v. Tilburg 5:2; Sparta v. Eindhoven 0:0; Maastricht v. Geleen 3:0; Groningen v. Heracles 2:1; Breda v. Ajax 2:0; Den Haag v. Volendam 0:0. Comp. leaders: Sparta, Ajax and Geleen 7, Maastricht, Enschede and Eindhoven 6 pts. each.

SPAIN (I. round): AC Bilbao v. CF Barcelona 2:3; Mallorca v. Malaga 5:0; Osasuna v. Elche 3:0; Cordoba v. Valladolid 1:0; Zaragoza v. Oviedo 5:0; Atletico M. v. Valencia 5:1; Coruna v. Sevilla v. 1:0; Betis v. Real Madrid 2:5.

YUGOSLAVIA V. round: Dinamo v. Rijeka 5:0; Sarajevo v. Sloboda 2:1; Novisad v. OFK Belgrade 1:2; Radnicki v. Red Star 3:1, abandoned; Hajduk v. Buducnost 1:2; Partizan v.

POLAND, round VI-VII: LKS v. Gwardia 3:2; Lechia v. Arkonia 3:0; Pogon v. Odra 3:3; Legia v. Lech 3:0; Wisla v. Gornik 0:3; Legia v. Polonia 1:2; Zaglebie v. Lechia 3:0; Ruch v. Lech 2:2; Pogon v. Gwardia 4:1; Stal v. Odra 0:0; LKS v. Arkonia 0:2; Ruch v. Stal 2:0. — TABLE: Gornik 12, Polonia 10, Zaglebie, Ruch 8, Legia, Pogon, Stal 7, Lech Lechia 6, Gwardia, LKS 5, Wisla, Odra 4, Arkonia 3.

No Olympics or World Cup for Australia

Sooner or later Australia will be back in the FIFA and able to jump on the international soccer bandwagon.

This, as we all know, will mean some overseas teams touring our cities and possibly one of our teams touring overseas.

Then, inevitably, the attention of our administrators will be focused on the big, accepted tournaments.

Why this paradox that we may be able to shoot for the stars (World Cup) and not for the relatively smaller fry, the Olympics?

First of all, the Olympic Games is still preserved for the amateurs — and we have none.

The whole world knows that a staggering percentage of participants at the Olympics are State-amateurs, "shamateurs" and other disguised professionals subsidised by their States, clubs or colleges.

Yet, while they are prepared to take the Olympic oath, they are permitted to parade as lillywhite amateurs.

Now, at the last Olympic soccer tourney in Rome quite a few countries, including Yugoslavia, Hungary, Italy, Poland and Bulgaria had "amateur" teams with paid or subsidised professionals.

Yet their integrity was notquestioned; the Iron Curtain countries have no official professionalism, while Italy has both an amateur and a professional organisation.

Australia's case is somewhat different and a great deal more difficult.

By PAUL DEAN

All our top clubs pay their players either a signing-on fee or a bonus or both.

And such a payment, even if it is only £1, automatically disqualifies a player from taking part in the Olympics.

Admittedly we also have amateurs in this country — but these are amateurs only because they are not good enough to be pros.

So the curious position is that while Australian soccer has never really been officially declared amateur or professional, over the past few years it has abandoned amateurism in practice.

This, in itself, means that none of our leading players would be eligible to represent Australia at the Olympics once they received as much as 10/- for playing.

But the paradox goes towards even wider horizons and complicates our chances for international representation even further.

At the last congress of FIFA in Chile it was decided that in future international matches — thus also tournaments — only native born players can represent a country.

Translated into practice this means that in an international Australian soccer team only those can gain a place who were actually born in this country, or who were born elsewhere butt of Australian parents.

This rule, which seems to make so little sense from our viewpoint, was brought in chiefly to discourage the rampant practice of Italian and Spanish associations of buying and then "naturalising" foreign stars in record time.

Di Stefano and Kubala each played for three countries during their careers, Santamaria and Puskas for two.

In Italy, Sivori, Angelillo, Altafini, Lojacono and others now in the Italian national side played for their South American countries before.

Best players debarred

No doubt, the FIFA ruling was intended to prevent these countries from using foreign talent in international matches.

However, it seems to be harsh, unreasonable and even impractical for countries like Australia, Canada and the USA.

These, with large migrant populations, can be expected to lean heavily on new settlers to make up their national teams.

There is nothing sinister about using naturalised migrants in a national team whether they arrived here at the age of 10 (Watkiss), 20 (Sherwin) or 30 (Massey).

Yet, according to FIFA, these players can never play for Australia even if they become citizens and stay here for ever.

It is felt that the FIFA resolution overshot the target and dragged the issue from one extreme to another.

Even the prim and proper I.O.C. (International Olympic Commitee) allows naturalised citizens to represent their new countries at Olympics — provided they did not take part in a previous one for their former homeland.

In the case of women marrying abroad even this limitation is lifted and they are allowed to represent two different countries at subsequent Olympics (Anna Pazera, javelin, Melbourne-Rome, Poland-Australia).

In view of this odd ruling and our professional status, the position today is that Australia has no international team.

Whether our officials realise it or not, we could not field a team for an Olympics or World Cup should the chance arise.

From the Olympics ALL our best players are debarred, from the World Cup ALMOST all of them.

This deadlock, formidable as it is, may be solved eventually.

The Australian Soccer Federation should begin planning for a possible Olympic tournament right away.

One of the things they would have to do would be to inform ALL senior and junior players about the Olympic ruling regarding payments.

There may be enough youngsters willing to play senior soccer as amateurs in the hope of gaining Olympic representation in future.

Maybe a special squad of these could be established in a year or two and then kept together in the hope of reaching a reasonable standard with them.

If all that is imppossible, we should forget about the Olympic soccer tournament altogether.

As for the FIFA ruling regarding the necessity for using only native-born players, Australia's only hope is to raise a lot of noise together with Canada and the USA.

Obviously, these three countries were forgotten when the decision was made and FIFA once again failed to take into consideration that these countries, one day, MAY be forces to reckon with, even if they are not today.

Spartan Club

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WESTERN BODIES CONSOLIDATE

By KEITH GILMOUR

A Western NSW Association Football Council will hold its inaugural meeting at Blayney on October 6.

The Council is designed to be the co-ordinating body for all the developing football associations and clubs in western NSW.

Associations to be represented at the Conference will include Bathurst F.A., Orange F.A., Blayney Dist. F.A., Lithgow Junior F.A., City of Blue Mountains F.A.

In addition, there will be representatives of the various newly formed clubs of this vast district.

These include Oberon Cowra, Wyangala Dam and Parkes.

Observers are being sought from other large main western towns, such as Dubbo, Parkes and Forbes.

Administration

The administrative section of the conference will be opened by Mr. D. M. Allen, treasurer of the NSW Junior Football Association.

Mr. Allen has had a vast experience in promotion of the game.

He was originally a player of the well known Christchurch Gladesville Club.

After service in the Western Desert campaign, Mr. Allen spent a period in Britain.

He was the original chairman of the expanding Kuring-gai District F.A., which position he still holds.

Mr. Allen is a member of the Kuring-gai District Referees Association and takes a big interest in schoolboy representative football.

Coaching

The conference material has been organised so that due weight will be given to assisting new Associations with latest coaching and refereeing material and ideas.

To assist in these matters members of the Coaches Federation, NSW Referees Association, and the NSW Federation of Clubs will also attend.

The secretary of Blayney Assn., Mr. W. Marshall, of 36 Water Street, Blayney is making local arrangements.

The Council has been planned by football enthusiasts throughout the west, under the leadership of Mr. H. G. Davies of Bathurst, and Mr. R. T. O. Quinn of Orange.

PAUL BARCLAY...

AT THE TURNSTILES

There have been in recent years periodic outbreaks of resentment against soccer, for the "high" admission prices charged for our games.

Notwithstanding my sympathy with people who genuinely find it a financial hardship, let us be a little practical.

One way of examining the position would be to compare local prices with those prevailing overseas, taken as a percentage of the basic wage of the countries in question.

On this basis, I doubt whether cheaper football exists anywhere.

In NSW, where the basic wage hovers around the £15 mark, the admission charge to a first division championship match is 4/-, or about 1 1/3 per cent.

For cup matches, semi-finals and finals etc. the charge is generally 6/- or 2 per cent.

I wonder how many countries provide such cheap football for the spectators?

If, on the other hand, we look around us in Australia, we can find many sports whose charges are far in excess of ours.

Amateur tennis is not ashamed to charge 25/- for a seat to watch a State championship.

Amateur swimming similarly charges at a relatively high rate.

Professional boxing, of course, can be an expensive sport to watch it you are anxious to sit in ringside seats, although the bleachers are reasonable enough.

If in this manner one compares sport after sport, one comes to the conclusion that soccer prices are moderate and reasonable.

When you remember that standing room for an important match in Italy can cost 10/-, with the best seats selling at £2 or more, it seems hard to justify the outcry against our prices here.

Nor do those high prices prevent thousands of relatively poor people from packing the grounds each weekend.

In other words, our scale of charges cannot be held to be in the least exorbitant, except in one respect.

That is, that rival codes of football are still less expensive.

I, for one, cannot believe that anybody would forsake his chosen pastime to watch another code for the sake of one or two shillings.

Nor would rugby barrackers switch to watching soccer if the prices reversed.

The proprietors of picture theatres understand this principle very well.

A motion picture of outstanding interest automatically costs more to see.

And the person who wants to see it will not go to a different show for the sake of saving a few pence.

The record attendances during the semi-finals and finals bear witness to a growing popularity and acceptance of soccer.

With sympathy and understanding for many people who find that extra one or two shillings a burden, let us at the same time realise that in comparison to many other things, soccer watching is still a cheap afternoon's entertainment.

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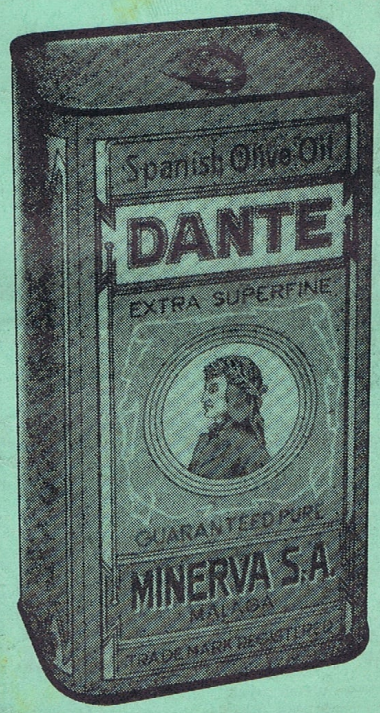

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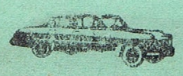

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Allan Crisp's Adelaide summary

King-size teams swing to Craven A (Cup)

With the third round of the Craven A Cup to be decided tomorrow (Saturday) and the quarter-finals on Monday, fans are due for a feast of top flight soccer over the holiday weekend.

Ten first division clubs will join tomorrow's third round to battle with the second round survivors for the rich Wills tournament prizes.

Hindmarsh Stadium should house tomorrow's largest crowd for an attractive double header has been programmed for the headquarters ground.

Budapest will play Birkalla in the first game, with Edinburgh and Juventus clashing in the second.

The 1962 Champions will adopt a no risks policy with the unpredictable Birkalla.

Rovers coach, John Lindquist, is also State coach and he knows many of the Budapest player's secrets since six of the side were members of the last S.A. team.

Knowledge of tactics is no substitute for skill, however, and there can be no doubt that Budapest are the better equipped side.

When they last met in a league fixture, Birkalla, desperate to avoid relegation, forced Budapest to a draw.

If Birkalla display the same determination tomorrow a fine spectacle will be assured.

Budapest eager to erase the disappointment of their Jaxen Cup failure should down Birkalla and qualify for Monday's quarter-finals.

Tomorrow could well be "Labor Day" for Edinburgh rather than Monday, for the airmen will find Juventus a far more formidable opponent than any they have faced this year.

Juventus ended the 1962 premiership season in second position on the major table, while Edinburgh finished third on the second division ladder.

Ever ready to accept a challenge, Edinburgh may do better than generally expected against the powerful Juventus.

Although not as strong as in previous years, the airmen still have a solid team.

Juventus were successful in a trial match against Lion last Saturday, winning 5:1.

A pleasing feature of the trial was the return to form of Crawford and Moriarty.

Both stars showed glimpses of their State form and they could exert a telling influence tomorrow.

Enfield City will be able to assess their prospects of success next year in the top division when they take on first first division side Croatia at Anson Street.

There is an air of optimism in the Northern camp following their second division championship win.

Enfield are confident that they can shatter the reputation of Croatia.

With McGreevy, Connell, and Mapstone in attack Enfield could command a forward advantage.

Croatia have winger Millar back to lend support to Turic and Frlan.

Millar returned to help Croatia defeat Budapest in the Jaxen Cup final, and his suspect knee stood up for the full 90 minutes.

Apart from Turic, however, none of the Croatia forwards did anything to inspire during the final.

Croatia fans will be looking for a more positive approach from their attack tomorrow.

In defence it is a different story.

Croatia have few worries in this department.

They look more sound in defence than Enfield, despite the presence of Mather, McRae and Hemingway in the Enfield back lines.

I expect Graham, Molnar, Horvath, Franjic and Lister, to have the answers to Enfield's talented attack.

Croatia are my choice to win, but Enfield are certain to provide spirited opposition.

Polonia have been far more impressive during the season than Beograd and should maintain their superiority tomorrow.

Neither side has played for several weeks, but Polonia have been training regularly under coach Edmund Kreft and all players are fit.

Orange will be at home to third division side South Adelaide.

The City team should only provide token opposition to Orange, who should be untroubled to win.

Cumberland will have "match practice" against lowly Napoli, who failed to record one win in second division.

Lion will travel to Elizabeth and here again the first division side should win.

The Salisbury v. Victoria game at Salisbury North should be of high standard.

Victoria players Gordon, West, Cunnett and Felton will be playing against their old team and this will intensify interest among local fans.

SECOND DIVISION

With second division leaders, Enfield City, and Austria recording easy wins, Hellas (fourth) returned to form to defeat Edinburgh (third) last Saturday.

Much of the credit for the Hellas revival must go to new coach John Recoquillion, a former Belgium first division forward.

In addition, Hellas played recent arrivals from Germany A. Link and S. Link.

The Hellas v. Edinburgh game was by far the most exciting of the final round with Hellas scoring the winning goal seven minutes from time.

Windsor began well against Enfield, but wilted under pressure to go down by four goals.

Sheeky burst through the Enfield defence to post the first goal of the game after nine minutes.

Enfield retaliated to shave the Windsor goal with several near misses, before Mapstone evened the score in the 23rd min.

The same Enfield forward left Windsor goalkeeper Burden helpless with a tremendous drive from 20 yards out, to give Enfield a 2:1 half time advantage.

After five minutes, Schooley notched Enfield's third goal, and Mapstone and Farrell completed the convincing win with more goals.

Enfield goalkeeper Rowe brought off the best save of the game when he recovered after being wrong footed to deflect a header from McParland around the post.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS:

Enfield v. Windsor	5:1
Hellas v. Edinburgh	1:0
Elizabeth v. Salisbury	0:3
Port Adelaide v. Napoli	4:2
Austria v. Malta	4:0

COMPETITION TABLE

	W	L	D	F	A	P
Enfield	16	1	1	63	13	33
Austria	14	2	1	65	20	29
Edinburgh	12	6	-	47	26	24
Hellas	9	6	2	34	32	20
Windsor A.	8	7	2	41	45	18
Salisbury	8	8	2	38	41	18
P. Adelaide	7	8	3	44	39	17
Elizabeth	5	10	2	39	47	12
Malta U.	1	15	2	10	56	4
Napoli	-	17	1	12	74	1

WA Cup to Tricolore

East Fremantle-Tricolore retained the D'Orsogna Cup, the W.A. Federation's knock-out competition trophy, when they overwhelmed Fremantle City 9:0 recently.

City had just avoided relegation earlier in the season, and were given little chance against Tricolore, who had been runners-up in the First Division, and in the Top Four Cup.

But few people could have expected such a complete rout.

East Freemantle-Tricolore 9 (McNnroy 5, McGinnis 2, Marinovitch, Thorne own goal) d. Freemantle City 0.

How they lined up:

Tricolore: Franken; Minervine, Granelli; Berini, Atkinson, Monks; Dougan, Marinovitch, McInroy, Oughton, McGinnis.

Fremantle City: Howard; Thomson, McLennan; Bancroft, Lambert, Thorne; Stanners, Smith, Hunt, Mackie, Claxton.

Best players were: Berini, Dougan, McGinnis for Tricolor and Lambert, Mc Lennan, Smith for City.

OTHER HONORS 1962

Fist Division: Azzurri from Tricolore.

Second Division: Swan Valley from Kiev-Victoria.

D'Orsogna Cup: Tricolore from Fremantle City.

Top Four Cup: Windmills from Tricolore.

— RODERICK LYALL

SHORT PASSES

● Edinburgh's heavily-built goalkeeper Colwell could well be the key player in tomorrow's third round Craven A Cup match at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Juventus forwards who have not seen the big player in action will find him surprisingly quick and agile.

Colwell possesses the attribute so necessary to all good goalkeepers — keen anticipation, and it usually takes a good shot to pass him.

● Budapest will hold their premiership victory celebration ball at the King's Ballroom tomorrow night (October 6).

● Enfield City's Anson Street Blair Athol ground soon will undergo a face lift.

The playing surface will be dug up and re-turfed in preparation for Enfield's re-entry to first division in 1963.

● The Lion Club held a meeting last Sunday to discuss future planning of the club, and to accept nominations for the committee.

The annual meeting will be held in the Ukrainian Hall on Sunday, October 14.

● Enfield completed a highly successful year last week when they added the reserve and junior premierships to their second division championship.

● Two more games remain to be played to complete the second division series for 1962.

The games Hellas v. Windsor and Austria v. Elizabeth will be decided on October 13.

● A special general meeting of the South Australian Federation of Soccer Clubs Inc. will be held on Tuesday, October 9, at 7.30 p.m. at Hindmarsh Stadium to discuss the following resolutions, subject to the South Australian Soccer Football Association passing similar resolutions:

1. That this Federation amalgamate with the Sth. Australian Soccer Football Association Incorporated as one association without any division of the property of the Federation or the Association.

2. That the Rules and Regulations of the amalgamated association be those Rules and Regulations which were approved at the combined meeting of this Federation and the South Australian Soccer Football Association Incorporated held on September, 17/18, 1962.

As this is a very important matter, all clubs are requested to send a delegate authorised to vote on this vital issue.

After the Special General Meeting, the usual monthly meeting of the Council of Clubs will follow.

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BRISBANE AND IPSWICH

Easts-Azzurri clash highlight of Craven A Cup semi-finals

The meeting of Easts United and Azzurri will provide the highlight of the semis and we expect this game to be one of the outstanding of the year.

The teams are fairly evenly matched and Easts consistency gives them the right to consideration as the winners here if not the actual Cup and top money.

The type of football played by Azzurri and Easts United is such that a fast and exciting encounter is certain.

Both sides have two outstanding veterans in their forward line, and both captain the respective sides — Malcolm Wild (Easts United) and Bunny Nunn (Azzurri).

I feel these two may hold the key to the ultimate result.

Latrobe v. Hellenic is a horse of another color, and is a game that could go either way.

FROM LEN TODD

Hellenic at top form would be my choice as winners, and poor as was their display against Germania last Sunday, I still think that unless Latrobe show considerable improvement on their recent form, Hellenic could still win.

However, one thing stands out quite clearly — the absolute domination of all competitions by Hellenic and Azzurri has come to an end and we may well see both of them out of the final here.

It is not outside the realms of possibility and it is all for the better of the game here.

Brisbane line-ups

(Watch for changes in Daily Newspapers)

EASTS UNITED v. AZZURRI

(BLACK & WHITE)		(SKY BLUE)
K. EDEN	1	G. KRUGER
S. WARD	2	G. KATHAGE
G. CATCHPOLE	3	L. MINUTELLO
L. McMILLAN	4	J. MENGOTTI
C. HOWELL	5	A. WARREN
M. HAY	6	C. SANDER
G. SHINER	7	S. KITCHING
T. DEVINE	8	F. CLEETON
G. NAHUYSEN	9	G. NUNN
M. WILD	10	A. ROBERTSON
M. BOHAN	11	S. DEDMAN

LATROBE v. HELLENIC

(GREEN & GOLD)		(BLUE & WHITE)
B. PARKER	1	B. TOPFER
R. HARKNESS	2	D. CLARKE
R. CLARKE	3	D. McKENNA
A. BAIN	4	J. McCARTHY
H. BROWN	5	L. McCREA
J. WAKERLY	6	L. PETIE
J. TAYLOR	7	G. KITCHING
B. BRENNAN	8	G. VINCZE
J. DARLINGTON	9	B. VOGLER
R. HAYES	10	J. ELMS
R. SAUNDERS	11	G. McMILLAN

Craven A Cup points

SECTION "A"

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Easts Utd.	5	0	0	23	8	10
Hellenic	4	0	1	15	9	8
Oxley Utd.	2	0	3	6	16	4
Merton R.	1	1	3	12	12	3
St. Helens	1	1	3	11	17	3
Germania	0	2	3	9	14	2

SECTION "B"

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Latrobe	4	0	1	20	3	8
Azzurri	4	0	1	28	5	8
Grange-Th.	4	0	1	14	5	8
Blackstone	2	0	3	14	12	4
Bundamba	1	0	4	13	19	2
Croatia	0	0	5	1	51	0

"B" section leadership decided on goal average, when Latrobe, Azzurri and Grange-Thistle all finished with 8 points.

WINNERS' RECORD ROUND

Easts United went through the preliminary rounds of the W. D. & H. O. Wills Craven A Cup with 100 per cent record.

They won all five rounds and scored 23 goals and conceded 8.

Latrobe finished as leaders of section "B" but in the process they lost the last round 2:1 to Grange-Thistle on Sunday.

Their record reads 8 points from 5 matches, scoring 20 goals and conceding only 3.

Honors, of course, go to Easts United, whose performances in this competition have been convincing and consistent, and at present they are considered firm favorites to take out the Cup and top money.

Easts' latest victim St. Helens opened in sensational fashion to score two goals in the first 90 seconds, but Easts levelled at two all before half time, and in the second half ran riot to score four more and win 6:2.

Easts United 6 (G. Nahuysen 3, T. Devine 2, M. Wild) d. St. Helens 2 (J. Haswell, A. Stewart)

Latrobe slip

At the Exhibition on Sunday, Latrobe, until then without a defeat, found Grange-Thistle too fast to the ball, and went down fighting by 4 goals to nil.

What goals they were. Young Barry Dann got both with terrific long range shots, that gave keeper Parker no possible chance.

The second in particular was sent in from a full thirty yards, and it really rocketed into the net.

Latrobe's goal came five minutes after Barry Danns second, when John Darlington scored a good goal.

Grange-Thistle 2 (B. Dann 2) d. Latrobe 1 (J. Darlington).

Losing end

Merton Rovers were on the losing end of the battle against Oxley United at Dunlop Park which Oxley won 3:2 after a hard but rather patchy game.

Merton are feeling the effects of their winning run, and are experiencing a letdown after the sustained tension of those hectic matches that took them to the Federation championship.

Oxley United 3 (D. Dwyer 2, R. Evans) d. Merton Rovers 2 (J. Anthony).

Hellenic extended

At the Exhibition Hellenic, playing the early match, were fully extended to defeat Germania 3:2.

Twice Germania took the lead and twice Hellenic equalised and finally got the odd goal to register a win to finish runners-up in "A" section to Easts.

Hellenic 3 (G. Kitching, B. Vogler, J. Elms) d. Germania 2 (G. Pfuhl, S. Wehner).

At Blackstone the home team proved just too good for Bundamba and won 5:3.

The score appeared to be a fair reflex of the run of play.

Blackstone 5 (R. Woodford 2, M. Page 2, R. Follett) d. Bundamba 3 (M. Kitching 2, Geoff Nunn).

Azzurri had an easy task against Croatia and won as they liked scoring 13 goals without reply.

— Azzurri 13 (F. Cleeton 5, S. Dedman 2, G. Nunn 2, A. Robertson, C. Sander, S. Kitching, N. Saftich) d. Croatia 0.

FOR AND AGAINST

WE LIKED:

The playing of two top games at the Exhibition on Sunday which gave spectators value for their money.

WE DID NOT LIKE:

● Lack of P.A. System and ambulance men at Exhibition.

● Spectators being informed there would be a curtain raiser to the Easts v. St. Helens match, when there was no such match. Patrons complained about being kept waiting for over an hour without a game.

LOCAL SCENE

THE BRISBANE & Ipswich Soccer Association is making an all out bid to break up the Federation here, and while we are quite confident its objective will not be achieved, I would like to have seen the Federation Management Committee putting forward a strong counter offensive.

..This should be in the form of an appeal and a cordial invitation, and not in any way on the lines of an ultimatum.

Association, in a circular letter to Federation clubs, issues a cordial invitation to all clubs to attend its annual General Meeting where it will outline its 1963 programme.

It claims it will have at least 40 clubs next season competing in four or five divisions.

As one who, through my work for the Brisbane Telegraph and the A.B.C., has seen many matches of Association as well as Federation, I fail to see just how the Association has very much to offer.

..The standard of football is far below that of Federation.

As for attendances, they have been shocking and I have no hesitation in saying that all their matches staged at the Brisbane Cricket Ground must have brought solid losses.

This, however, does not permit us to just stand idly by, while the Association gets busy trying to undermine the loyalty of Federation clubs.

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VERY strong points are being made by the Association's circular in a form of a series of questions.

This is, for instance, the exact text of question number four in the circular:

Can you honestly say Federation clubs in Queensland are free and not dominated by Sydney?

The answer to that question is easy. Yes, we can say Queensland Federation clubs are as free as those of the Association and certainly have a greater say in management than under Association.

However, we must get own appeal going, and not stand idly by, while the Association gets on with the job.

LEN TODD

- PICK OF THE PRESS -

Federation Soccer officials have every reason to be elated at the progress of their code as the competition proper ends.

The fact that 26,000-odd attended the grand final last Sunday makes soccer the undisputed No. 2 code in public favor.

This should not cause them much worry either, because soccer crowds are growing as the Rugby League attendances grow smaller.

The Rugby League grand final drew 41,000-odd and on paper could appear to be about twice as popular with the public as soccer, but it is problematic if League would maintain such a crowd were it to ask the admittance price charged by the soccer people.

It follows that if the admittance charges for soccer were brought down to those for Rugby League it would give the major code grave cause for concern.

The number of dyed-in-the-wool Rugby fans who have enthused to me over what they have seen in soccer over the last few weeks is ample proof that Federation Soccer is on the march.

The Soccer grand final was not a great contest but nevertheless it presented a thrilling spectacle due to the continuity of play, the fantastic ball control and the all round movement which provided something spectacular throughout the match.

It is speed and cleverness which thrills and that is what Rugby must produce to hold its place against these Soccer boys. **— Frank Hyde, Catholic Weekly.**

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The 'boys of the Press' who are conducting a campaign against the promotion of Croatia to first division of the Sydney competition might as well lay down their "weapon" as the fight is already over.

Croatia will be promoted to the first division next year and no-one is going to stop that and what is more, those who try will brand themselves as reactionaries and members of the old "clique" in the Association days.

The Federation was founded on promotion and relegation and what more proof does one require that it is a success than the presence of Pan Hellenic, Budapest and the "giant-killers" Yugal and also the huge crowds flocking every week to see those teams.

You can all forget the ballyhoo, Croatia has our confidence and may go ahead and build a team for the 1963 season.

Politics and religion has no place in sport, what matters most is the standard and I think the huge gallery of supporters at the finals is proof that the soccer fan will not only attend but is prepared to pay big money to see it. **— Bob Walker, La Fiamma.**

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It seems to me that there should be some realistic soul-searching in the Federation on these main questions: Should Australia seek to rejoin FIFA?

What are the real advantages, if any?

Since Australia has a long way to go before it reaches international standards in soccer, can there be any real advantages in belonging to FIFA at this stage?

On the other hand, are there not substantial advantages in remaining outside of FIFA?

I can answer the last question to some extent.

It is my opinion that, since some Australian clubs first ignored FIFA a few years ago, the standard of Australian soccer has risen tremendously. That fact must have a big bearing on the answers to all the other questions. But, of course, only the State and national Federation are qualified to answer them. **— Morrie Bruckner, Melbourne Sun.**

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REFEREE: N. JONES — LINESMEN: A.R. Brown, Cousins

HAKOAH v. CANTERBURY

H. WENZL	1	M. CORRIE
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J. AIRD	3	N. SLATER
R. KEARNS	4	D. BROWN
A. HANDORF	5	J. CURRY
G. CHALDI	6	G. CAMPBELL
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REFEREE: F. SBISA — LINESMEN: Timms, Sorbie

YUGAL v. POLONIA-N.S.

K. SPIEGEL	1	M. VARGLIEN
J. CSARDAS	2	W. PITMAN
J. MUCILLO	3	A. RINGLAND
M. LAZAREVICH	4	F. ROSA
M. STOJANOVIC	5	F. BOLAND
F. ARANYI	6	K. ADAMSON
H. RINGHOFF	7	M. WARD
E. SCHWARTZ	8	E. McLEOD
I. NINCEVIC	9	A. BILBEY
M. MILANKOVICH	10	J. WONG
B. PACANIN	11	D. CALPHY

REFEREE: J. IPENBURG — LINESMEN: Woolman, Bonello

PAN HELLENIC v. GLADESVILLE

J. HATZIS	1	K. HOUGH
G. YANGOU	2	W. ADDISON
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STH. COAST U. v. CORINTHIANS

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Canterbury's prospects anything but bright

The second series of the Craven A Cup, to be played this weekend, will bring the first round to its halfway mark.

Tonight (Friday) at the Athletic Field, 1962 premiers, Budapest, will tackle Sydney Austral in what appears to be a one-sided match.

Budapest, though undoubtedly tired after a tough recent programme, should be refreshed enough to take this hurdle without much trouble.

Now that the key forwards, Massey, Medina and Galambos are fit, they should prove too strong for the Austral defence.

However, those with a good memory will recall that in the past, with one exception, Austral always managed to put up very good opposition to Budapest.

In fact, until two years ago they often gained the upper hand, upsetting the dainty style of Budapest with their robust and direct methods.

It is hard to see another upset coming unless Budapest takes the field in an over-confident mood that could spell disaster for them.

Superb machine

The late game will be between Hakoah and Canterbury.

If Hakoah has been able to maintain its grand final form Canterbury's prospects look anything but bright.

Once again Hakoah's team moulded into a superb machine towards the end of the season, displaying strength that reminds one of the Prague of the bygone years — at its very best.

Against this smooth pattern Canterbury is unlikely to find a suitable armor.

They can be expected to counter Hakoah's greater skill with enthusiasm, speed and determination.

These, however, will probably be insufficient and so Hakoah's qualification for the next round must be strongly tipped.

Yugal favored

On Sunday afternoon at Wentworth Park, the early game will be between Yugal and Polonia.

In recent weeks Yugal has lost some of its earlier form and, with that, its long unbeaten record.

The absence of star forward Jelisavcic, the slight loss of form of Dunaj and the injury of Lazarevic were enough to turn a magnificent team into an ordinary one.

However, Polonia could not even be described as ordinary: after a "horror"-run in recent months, the team was relegated to second division.

Despite Yugal's slight decline, they will start as hot favorites in the match.

It would take a king-sized miracle for Polonia to cause an upset.

Form obscure

The late game will be between Pan Hellenic and Gladesville and the form of both teams is too obscure to make any definite prognosis.

Towards the end of the competition Pan Hellenic appeared to fold up, losing almost all of its zest and dash which had given them success in the past.

The question is whether in the past few weeks of rest period the old fire has been rekindled.

If the answer is yes, Pan Hellenic should fight its way to the next round.

Gladesville's machine in the competition was badly faltering, the main trouble lying with the forwards, undoubtedly Sydney's weakest line.

These, playing without any semblance of plan or purpose, seldom bothered the other teams' defences and caused Gladesville's near-downfall.

Without major changes the Gladesville forward line could not be expected to undergo improvement and thus worry the tough and resolute Hellenic defenders.

On form, Pan Hellenic's win is the likelier in a lively and fast match.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7
WENTWORTH PARK

YUGAL v. POLONIA-N.S. —	1.15 P.M.
P. HELLENIC v. GLADSV. —	3.00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10
SYDNEY ATHLETIC FIELD

S. COAST v. CORINTH'S —	7.15 P.M.
PRAGUE v. AUBURN —	9.00 P.M.

NEXT WEEKEND

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12
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